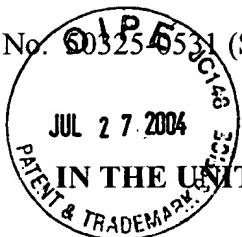


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In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2172
Michael J. Kirkwood, et al.)
Application No. 09/925,204)
Filed: August 8, 2001)
For: MULTIPLE LAYER INFORMATION)
OBJECT REPOSITORY)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which ends on June 25, 2004.

Amendments to the claims, remarks, and replacement figures are presented on separate sheets below.